

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/387,092 filed on March 12, 2003 by David Maas et al., which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/363,786, filed on March 12, 2002 by David Maas et al., the entirety of which are incorporated by reference herein. ~~This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/281,786 filed on October 28, 2002 by Scott Bjorge and entitled "Soil Aeration Tine," which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/821,373 filed March 29, 2001 by Scott Bjorge and entitled "Soil Aeration Tine," the entirety of which are incorporated herein by reference. This application also claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. _____, filed on February 10, 2004 by David Maas et al. and entitled "Soil Aerator," the entirety of which is hereby incorporated as if fully set forth herein.~~